

Minutes of Technical Advisory Committee-Final
Meeting of July 6, 2009

Attendees: Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District
Milenka Bates, City of Sonoma
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma
Remleh Scherzinger, City of Petaluma
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park
Pamela Jeane, SCWA
Spencer Bader, SCWA
Jay Jasperse, SCWA
Matt Vail, SCWA
Michael Thompson, SCWA
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa
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Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa
Steve Dittmer, City of Santa Rosa
Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor
Paul Helliker, MMWD

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC
David Keller, FOER
J. Dietrich Stroeh, Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group
Jim Grossi, CSW Stuber-Stroeh
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers
Terry Stubbings, Stubbings Consulting
Dawna Gallagher

1. Check In:

Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The attendees checked in. Mr. DeGabriele noted that approval of the June 1, 2009 TAC minutes was inadvertently left off the agenda and asked if approval of the June 1, 2009 minutes could be added as agenda item 1a. Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to add approval of the minutes as agenda item 1a. Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park, seconded. All approved.

1a. Recap from the June 1, 2009 TAC Meeting and Approval of Minutes:

Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa, made a motion to approval the minutes from the June 1, 2009 TAC meeting. Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park, seconded. All approved.

2. Public Comment

Dawna Gallagher mentioned that long time public attendee, Paul Stutrud, recently passed away.

Brenda Adelman brought pictures of the Russian River water levels in the vicinity of Monte Rio and passed them around for the TAC's review.

3. Summer 2009 Water Contractor Statistics

Chris DeGabriele stated that in response to the State Board Order requiring the SCWA to reduce diversions by 25% for the period of June 15, 2009 – October 2, 2009 in comparison to 2009, the monthly water use statistics reported would be updated to include June 2009. In addition, June 2004 water use statistics are also needed. Chris requested that the contractors send their June 2004 and June 2009 water use statistics to him by July 13.

The Water Conservation Subcommittee met in June. Chris asked for all information from contractors regarding how they will be implementing the commercial turf irrigation requirements be forwarded to Carolyn Wasem.

4. Temporary Allocation of Water Deliveries

On June 16th, the SCWA adopted temporary water allocations for all agency customers, allocating the 53 million gallons per day of water supply that is available as a result of the Agency's Temporary Impairment. The resolution included a provision that if WAC adopts an alternate allocation, the WAC allocation will take precedence. On July 15th the Water Project Subcommittee will meet to further discuss these allocations.

Richard Burtt, Town of Windsor, asked if there would be a penalty to contractors if they exceed their allotment. He further asked if the penalty would be based on the monthly allocations or based on the exceeding the total allocation for the period of the temporary impairment. Spencer Bader, SCWA, said the agency would follow the Restructured Agreement and would implement a 50% surcharge for water sold above the adopted allocations.

Chris DeGabriele stated that in response to the Temporary Impairment, the SCWA turned off the Kastania and Ely pump stations on July 1st. Chris asked SCWA management to turn the pump stations back on since the contractors are currently meeting the adopted allocations as well as the requirements of the State Board Order. Paul Helliker stated that he had notified the Department of Public Health regarding the Agency's decision to take the pump stations off-line. Mike Thompson, SCWA, stated that the TAC and the Agency needed to work on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Temporary

Impairment and which system components could be operated. There was discussion about the TAC going on record objecting to SCWA's decision to take the pump stations and collectors off-line.

Chris DeGabriele asked Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District, to convene the Budget Subcommittee to review the costs of operating the water transmission system, to get a better understanding of the revenue shortfalls, and to look at multiple years to determine the financial planning needed for future operation of the system.

5. Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership

Chris DeGabriele informed the TAC that Randy Poole, SCWA, had decided that he would not bring the Sonoma Marin Water Saving Partnership Memorandum of Understanding to the SCWA Board for approval. All contractors agreed they would like to move forward with a regional partnership to implement water conservation programs. Chris will get a legal opinion regarding whether or not the existing agreement can be used as currently drafted or if a new agreement would need to be drafted and approved by all contractors. Jake Mackenzie, WAC Chair, asked that this item, as well as the previous item, be put on the next WAC agenda.

6. SCWA Strategic Alternatives

Chris DeGabriele asked if all water contractors had the SCWA Strategic Alternatives the presentation made to their respective Boards and Councils. It was noted that Valley of the Moon and Rohnert Park had presentations scheduled in the coming weeks and that Town of Windsor and MMWD still needed to schedule presentations. Chris noted that the WAC had asked the TAC to provide a recommendation on the priorities to and asked that once all of the contractors had the presentation from SCWA that each contractor bring back information regarding the recommended priorities.

Receipt of the IBM memo from Grant Davis regarding data collection and information. Jay Jasperse, SCWA, mentioned that this is part of recommended strategy #12 and that SCWA has been working with IBM since February. SCWA has a funding agreement with IBM, which includes matching funds from both SCWA and IBM. Part of the SCWA funding is coming from the general fund and part from the transmission system fund. Jay stated that he would send out a copy of the agreement between SCWA and IBM to the TAC.

7. Biological Opinion Status Update

Matt Vail, SCWA, provided a handout of the RRIFR Project Schedule Update and provided a brief update on the status of each of the activities that SCWA is implementing. There is significant effort on water quality information development, environmental documents, public outreach, the estuary management plan and environmental monitoring/data collection. Matt was asked to provide an update at the August meeting with milestones, including visuals and photographs.

8. Items for Next Agenda

- Summer 2009 Water Contractor Statistics
- Temporary Allocation of Water Deliveries
- Water Project Subcommittee meeting on Temporary Impairment Implementation
- Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership
- SCWA Strategic Alternatives
- Biological Opinion Status Update

9. Check Out

There being no further business to come before the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.